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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Members of the Foreign Area Research
Coordination Group (FAR)

SUBJECT : Termination of the FAR

The attached memorandum from Under Secretary Irwin brings to a close the Foreign Area Research Coordination Group (FAR) as an interagency committee. Its functions have been transferred to the new Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs Research (USC/FAR) of the National Security Council's Under Secretaries Committee.

I want to thank you for your help in furthering our goal of cooperative effort in foreign affairs research matters. As noted by the Under Secretary, the experience and knowledge developed by the FAR should very much facilitate the task of the new Subcommittee in achieving closer coordination. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you in the FAR.

G.C. Denney, Jr.

George C. Denney, Jr.
Chairman
Foreign Area Research Coordination Group

Attachment:

Memorandum from Under Secretary Irwin
March 22, 1971

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: INR/DDM - George C. Denney, Jr., Chairman,
Foreign Area Research
Coordination Group

THROUGH: S/S 

FROM: The Under Secretary 

SUBJECT: Transfer of FAR Functions to New USC
Subcommittee

In accordance with the President's directive that the Under Secretaries Committee coordinate external foreign affairs research sponsored by the Federal Government, the new Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs Research (USC/FAR) has assumed responsibility for the functions carried out since 1964 by the Foreign Area Research Coordination Group (FAR). The FAR Group therefore is terminated as an interagency committee as of this date.

The FAR has provided to the entire Government and to the private research community valuable services which the new organization will maintain and use as a base on which it can build. These include the Foreign Affairs Research Documentation Center, the FAR funding survey, the published inventory of Government-Supported Research, the FAR Horizons newsletter, the experience of the FAR secretariat located in the Office of External Research of the Department of State, and a most useful inter-agency network of cooperative officers. I understand also that the Government Guidelines for Foreign Area Research, adopted by the FAR agencies in December 1967, will continue in effect.

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I want to express my appreciation to you, as Chairman of the FAR, and to all participants from the Group's 21 member agencies for their efforts to achieve better coordination of Government research in the field of foreign affairs. NSDM 98 recognizes the importance of your work and the need for continuing effort in this direction.

I feel certain that the new Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs Research will draw heavily on the experience and knowledge developed by the FAR in meeting the responsibilities given us by the President.